

The President's Message.

The president's message to congress appears in the dailies of this week. On such a document as this there is always a variety of opinion. Those in accord with the administration will contend that it is an able document, while those opposed find many things to condemn. The document is of considerable length. But then, so is the Bible, and we have never heard that urged against the words of inspiration. To cover fully in a report to congress all the vast and varied interests of this government requires considerable space.

On the coinage of silver the president reiterates the position he assumed in the beginning; that is, that the coinage of silver should be stopped. Western democrats, as a rule, will not endorse the position of the president. However this may be, no one can doubt the honesty of the chief executive. This is a question upon which lines are drawn by sections, rather than politically. The east almost unanimously will applaud the position of the president, while the west, democrats as well as republicans, will agree with Senator Beck in clinging to the cart-wheel dollar.

On the tariff question the president puts himself on record as in full sympathy with his party. He calls attention to the present unjust system and urges congress to revise it. Democrats throughout the union will hail these utterances as a true exposition of the party faith, and they will go a long way towards drawing the party lines sharply on this issue.

The contest between capital and labor receives careful attention, and congress is urged to provide the needed legislation.

It is impossible to review the whole message in detail. Most of our readers have read it and formed their own conclusions. But this we will say, it is an able and conservative document, and will go far to confirm the opinion that the people have formed in regard to the ability and sound judgement of Mr. Cleveland. There is nothing superfluous about it; the language is clear and strong without any attempt at eloquence or rhetorical finish, and we are constrained to believe that the unbiased public will pronounce it an able state paper.

The coming Congress will be called on to legislate on some questions of vital importance to the American people. First, the relation of capital and labor must needs, now or later, be defined. The great and disastrous strikes of the past must be avoided in the future. Congress touched this great subject very lightly at the last session. There was possibly some excuse for this. Most of the members had never devoted much thought to the subject, and were therefore not fully prepared to propose wholesome legislation. But now it is to be hoped that the country will be treated to some wise legislation and that both parties may vie with each other in bringing about an amicable adjustment of the trouble between capital and labor.

The tariff question will likely occupy a large portion of the time. This is a party question, and is therefore likely to be fought out on party lines. Certainly the democrats can well afford to have this subject agitated. Their position will commend itself more and more to the people as they come to understand the unequal burdens of our present system.

Another great question is the Blair educational bill. By its provisions \$77,000,000 are distributed for educational purposes to the various states, according to illiteracy in each. So far, this bill has not been made a party question. Many democrats oppose it, and some republicans favor it. So far as our knowledge goes, the people of Kansas are regardless of politics oppose this bill. They do so on the ground that the bill is unjust. Both our senators voted against it last winter and in doing so they expressed the sentiment of the people. The bill is a matter of importance to the state, and it is likely to occur at a future session. The Blair bill is a matter of importance to the state, and it is likely to occur at a future session. The Blair bill is a matter of importance to the state, and it is likely to occur at a future session.

thought and still think it just and right for a democratic board to give the county printing to a democratic paper. Mr. Roetzl was elected as a democrat to the office of commissioner. He represents a district that is overwhelmingly democratic, and a democrat ought to be appointed in his place. As to Col. Huttman, we know of no more suitable man, or one in whom the people repose more confidence. He would make a careful and conscientious commissioner, and if the people of that district are consulted, (as should be done,) we believe he would be selected in preference to any man the Register would name. The democrats elected a majority of the county commissioners and they are entitled to them. Brother Chapman is a reasonable man and on mature deliberation we think will endorse what we say. The democrats by election control the board and the paper that fights the battles of the democratic party in this county ought to be made the official paper. In days of "Auld lang Syne," the Register received the county printing at full rates, and now since the millennium has come and democracy reigns triumphant over the fertile plains of Barton county, let the saints inherit their just rights.

AGAIN we would suggest to our readers that it is absolutely necessary to close our old books between now and January. We should like to retain every name on our books and we again urge those in arrears to come forward and settle. The amount is small and it will not inconvenience any of those owing subscription to pay it. The way to manifest your approbation of the course of the DEMOCRAT is to pay the subscription. If there are any who disapprove our course, of course they should pay up the arrearage before ordering the paper stopped. It shall still be our aim to give our readers a soundly democratic paper, and work at all times unceasingly for the prosperity of the town and county. Several have responded since we first suggested this matter and we hope we shall have no occasion to speak of the subject again.

THE bonds carried both in the city and township, and now, by the conditions agreed upon, the Missouri Pacific will be here not later than February 20th. All along the DEMOCRAT has been an earnest advocate of voting the bonds. We did this because we thought it would benefit the people more than the amount of money asked. Considered as an abstract principle we are opposed to the voting of bonds to railroads, but in this instance we had to vote bonds as a measure of self protection. If Great Bend had not paid the amount asked some other city would have paid that much or more and secured the road. As it is we get the road and the debt incurred is not excessively large.

With some of our brother democratic editors tell us where the next meeting of the editorial association is to be held? The last meeting was held at Leavenworth the day before the democratic state convention met. No doubt most of the craft will remember a very strong resolution passed at the last meeting respecting the distribution of public printing by democratic federal officeholders. At the next meeting it will be in order, we presume, to see how much regard has been paid to this reasonable request. It would be well to agitate this subject now in order that every democratic journal in Kansas may be represented. We need thorough organization.

We are glad to say to our readers that the Topeka Democrat is alive and prosperous. Now is the golden opportunity for the democracy of Kansas to build up a great central organ. The democracy of this paper is of the first water, it is ably edited, it is not the exponent of any clique or faction, it is newsy and clean. Democrats in all parts of the state who desire the daily news, should subscribe for it.

THE St. John Sun says that the court house of that city, when completed will be one of the finest structures in the valley. We are glad to learn of the continued prosperity of our friendly neighbor and that her temple of justice, will honor the county. By the way, our court house is no slouch.

THE latest addition to our exchange list is the Pratt Register, published at Pratt Center. The Register is democratic in politics, and judging from its

appearance is well sustained. We are glad to welcome the Register and commend it to the public as a first class local paper.

ELLINWOOD.

J. J. Plank, of Stafford, was in town Monday.

Gus Dessen moved into his new brick house this week.

F. Gaben, of Kansas City, was in town Sunday and Monday.

As near as we can learn there are 300 children enrolled in the schools of the city.

H. J. Roetzl was out west this week on business.

J. A. Clapp, of Hutchinson, was in town this week.

The Knights of Pythias will give a ball this week.

F. M. Dodson, of Great Bend, was in town last week on business.

A great many farmers in this vicinity have lost cattle, and the disease is supposed to be caused by eating dry cornstalks.

G. N. & E. R. Moses use the Johnson Eye Meter, and guarantee every pair of glasses they fit.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Total enrollment 690.

Miss Frye is again sick.

All departments are busy preparing for examination.

The following is the programme for December 10th:

Selection, Adelaide Kluber.
Recitation, May Winterburg.
Essay, Lizzie Carr.
Music.
Debate, affirmative Lilla Bolinger, negative Viola Pelter.
Selection, Charles Brinkman.
Character, Lizzie Phelps.
Essay, Florence Poole.
Music.
Selection, Lois Reece.
Essay, Effie Bland.
Declaration, Fred Diefenbacher.

The design for the new 2-cent postage stamp to be put into circulation about January next has been selected. It is said to be one of the handsomest specimens issued by the department. The design represents an embossed head of George Washington in profile upon a blue tinted background.

The firm of J. M. Rice & Co., under the management of Mr. F. A. McGuire have a new acquisition in E. H. Moorehouse, who is a wall paper decorator of several years experience. The firm will remove to the new Willner Block on Commercial ave., where they will be found with a large assortment of wall paper of all grades, paints, oils, varnishes etc. They will also do all classes of painting and paper hanging. Sign writing and decorating a specialty. This is a good combination and two branches of business that go perfectly together. Gt. Bend is coming into the first ranks fast. As there was a time when in a grocery house was to be found everything from the implement business to the dealing of ribbon and fine laces. But as time changes and the city grows it is noticeable how the different branches of business take their wonted course. This firm will make a specialty of the decorating of public halls, school-houses, churches etc.

Four of the justices of the supreme court of the United States—Waite, Miller, Field and Bradley—have passed their 70th year, and hence are entitled to be retired, receiving the regular salary of the office—\$10,000 a year. Chief Justice Waite completed his seventieth year on the 29th day of last month. He is represented to be in good health and vigor of mind and body. The same may be said of the justices named, though Bradley "looks rather delicate." None of these gentlemen have any thought of leaving the bench until their health admonishes them that they ought to do so.—Capital.

Barbys Prophylactic Fluid will destroy the infection of all fevers and all contagious and infectious diseases. Will keep the atmosphere of any sick room pure and wholesome, absorbing and destroying unhealthy effluvia and contagion. Will neutralize any bad smell whatever, not by disguising it, but by destroying it. Use Barbys Prophylactic Fluid in every sick-room.

The pistol with which Guiteau shot President Garfield is in the keeping of the civil authorities of the District of Columbia. All the personal property found on the assassin's body at the time of arrest is confiscated and is still retained by the officials.

See the fine display of holiday goods at Burson & Shaw's new store. Opera House block.

Now is the time to make your wife a present of a New Home, Household or Standard Sewing Machine. Sold by G. N. & E. R. Moses.

For Sale.

Poland China boars and young Herford and Polled Angus bulls.

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NOTICES FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KANSAS, November 18, A. D. 1886.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the probate judge of Barton county, Kansas, at Great Bend, on January 20th, 1887, viz: C. A. Titus, Philip Miller, Henry Brock and Henry Kluebs, all of Nathan, Kas.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: W. H. Grant and Fred Hemen, of Ellinwood, Kas., and Myron Gilmore and James Dalziel, of Great Bend, Kas. Also
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